


REMARKS

Claims 1, 2 and 8 remain in this application. Claims 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9 and 10 have been amended by eliminating multiple dependent claims. Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version With Markings to Show Changes Made".

The support for these amendments is found in the claims as originally filed. These amendments are being entered to bring the claims into conformance with, *inter alia*, 37 CFR §1.75; no new matter is added.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the claims:

1. A container for use in the disposal of food wastes characterized by liquid impervious walls having inner and outer surfaces, an absorbent material having deposited thereon an effective amount of an odor-neutralizing composition for neutralizing odors emitted by food wastes; wherein the absorbent material is inside the container.
2. A container according to claim 1 wherein the absorbent material is joined to the inner surfaces of the walls of the container.
3. A container according to claim 2 [any of claims 1-2] which additionally is characterized by a means for the closure and sealing of the container.
4. A container according to claim 3 [any of claims 1-3] wherein the container is a flexible bag.
5. A container according to claim 4 [any of claims 1-4] wherein the odor-neutralizing composition is characterized by an ingredient selected from the group consisting of cyclodextrin, activated charcoal, baking soda, absorbent gelling materials, zeolite, silica and mixtures thereof.
6. A container according to claim 5 [any of claims 1-5] wherein the odor-neutralizing composition further is characterized by a chelant.
7. A container according to claim 6 [any of claims 1-6] wherein the odor-neutralizing composition is characterized by:
  - (a) an odor-absorbing ingredient selected from the group consisting of cyclodextrin, activated charcoal, baking soda, absorbent gelling materials, zeolite, silica and mixtures thereof;
  - (b) a chelant; and
  - (c) an antimicrobial agent.
8. A container for the disposal of food wastes characterized by:
  - (a) liquid impervious walls defining an opening for receiving the food wastes, the walls having an inner and outer surface;
  - (b) an absorbent material positioned adjacent the inner surface of the liquid impervious walls and having an effective amount of an odor-neutralizing compound deposited thereon; and
  - (c) a liquid pervious liner positioned adjacent the absorbent material.
9. A container according to claim 8 [any of claims 1-8] wherein an odor-neutralizing composition is deposited on the absorbent material.

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